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EXAMINER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/577,722	Applicant(s) BLAKELY ET AL.	
	Examiner Dang T Nguyen	Art Unit 2178	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 May 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Application filed on 05/23/2000.
2. Claims 1 - 9 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 4, and 7 are independent claims.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the title of the invention should not have acronyms. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Carbonell et al., U.S. patent No. 5,677,835 – filed Dec. 22, 1994.

Regarding independent claim 1, Figure 1B of Carbonell discloses a method of determining a target language for automatic programmatic translation of text in a first language, comprising the steps of: creating text in the first language (see column 2 line 43 [source language]); using an HTML (SGML) 'lang' attribute to set at least one target language which is different from the first language (see column 2 lines 42-43 [translate of text from its source language to a target language(s)]); and

automatically programmatically translating the first language into said at least one target language (see column 3 lines 43-46 and column 26 lines 44-50) with said 'lang' attribute as a key for machine translation (see Figure 6 [635] and column 19 lines 51-54).

Regarding dependent claim 2, Carbonell discloses further comprising the step of: using Language Guessing (LE [Language Editor]) to determine the first language (see column 6 lines 36-38).

Regarding dependent claim 3, Figure 3 of Carbonell discloses at least one target language comprises a plurality of languages (see column 6 lines 47-48) resulting in translation into a mixed language content [interlingua text].

Claims 4 –6 and 7 – 9, recite a system and computer program product for determining a target language for automatic programmatic translation of text in a first language which are equivalent to the method as recited in claims 1 – 3 and are similarly rejected, as above.

Prior art

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kugimiya	Patent No. US 5,587,902	Date of Patent: Dec 24, 1996
Yamamoto et al.	Parent No. US 6,311,151 B1	Date of Patent: Oct. 30, 2001
Datig	Patent No. US 6,233,546 B1	Date of Patent: May 15, 2001
Templeman	Patent No. US 5,845,303	Date of Patent: Dec. 1, 1998

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Dang Nguyen, who can be reached by telephone at (703) 305-1673. Normal contact times are M-F, 8-4:30.

Upon an unsuccessful attempt to contact the examiner, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon, may be reached at (703) 308-5186.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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